

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
JULY 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Tom Welborn at 8:34 a.m. Other board members present were Craig Walker, Daniel Steinhoff, Jenny Arthur, Tracy Polite-Johnson, Bob Graves, and Anna Toon.

Ex officio members present were Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry; Diane Warwick, State Forestry; David Vandergriff, UT Ag Extension; and David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering.

Visiting today was Ryan Thompson, UT Ag Extension office.

Action Items for July

- May & June minutes were reviewed and approved.

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- Tree vendors have been selected.
- Planting bids are still under review. The preference is to have holes for trees hand dug, and not augured.
- Kasey will be getting another AmeriCorps volunteer in the fall.
- Kasey wants to move ahead with review of the Tree Protection Ordinance. There are several housekeeping items that need to be discussed.
- Landscaping for Central Avenue project will soon be going out for bid.
- Urban Forestry currently has 94 tree related work orders to work through.

Education & KUB Report by Tom Welborn

- The tree climbing event associated with the ISA conference was discussed. Dan Steinhoff has a signup sheet for workers.
- Due to increased responsibilities at KUB, Nick Bridgeman has requested to step down from chairing the Education Committee. Craig Walker volunteered to step into his place.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- 6-6-19 Tree canopy committee (Urban Forest Master Plan) had meeting to continue planning. The committee will develop a proposal for next Trees Knoxville board meeting with estimated cost.
- 6-9-19 Booth at Paddle Off at Suttree Landing Park to provide information on Trees Knoxville and trees. Approximately 75 people attended the event.
- 6-10-19 Grants committee had a meeting and agreed to apply with ORNL Credit Union and updated on ACT grant data base, 3 Rivers and TAEP grant applications. Update on meeting with KCDC. Talked about other grant opportunities.
- 6-17-19 Taking Root 2019 committee meeting to refine prospective donor list and make additional plans for the fall solicitation for donors.
- 6-19-19 Attended the Southern Group of State Foresters in Franklin, TN. Trees Knoxville received the Urban and Community Forestry Partnership Award at the awards luncheon.
- 6-20-19 Tree Walk at Mabry-Hazen House. Walk was led by Patrick Hollis, Director and curator of Mabry-Hazen, who discuss some of the history of the house and its trees. We had 27 attending the walk.
- 6-29-19 Sing for the Climate Concert. Two volunteers and the project manager manned the table for 4 hours.
- 7-10-19 Trees Knoxville Board meeting will be held.

Ex-Officio Reports: None to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.